

1-14. (CANCELED)

15. (NEW) A shifting device for shifting a transmission, the shifting device comprising:

a shifting shaft (2) with a plurality of shifting forks (8, 10, 12, 14) axially slidable thereon for carrying out a shift;

a selection apparatus (28, 30, 32, 42, 44, 46) for selecting one of the plurality of shifting forks (8, 10, 12, 14) for carrying out the shift; and

a blocking apparatus (52) for preventing movement of non-selected shifting forks (8, 10, 12, 14);

wherein elements (2, 8, 10, 12, 14, 20, 22) for carrying out the shift are manufactured from a material with relatively high structural strength while elements of the selection apparatus (28, 30, 32, 42, 44, 46) and the blocking apparatus (52) are manufactured of a material having less structural strength than the elements (2, 8, 10, 12, 14, 20, 22) for carrying out the shift.

16. (NEW) The shifting device according to claim 15, wherein the selection apparatus includes, for each shifting fork (8, 10, 12, 14), a ring-shaped engagement unit (28, 30, 32) which is axially affixed with the shifting fork (8, 10, 12, 14) and is slidable on the shifting shaft (2) for carrying out the shift, each of the ring-shaped engagement units (28, 30, 32) is rotatable about the shifting shaft (2) for selection of one of the plurality of shifting forks (8, 10, 12, 14) and have elements of a come-along apparatus (20, 22), which enables axial displacement of the ring shaped engagement units (28, 30, 32) by axial movement of the shifting shaft (2) for carrying out the shift.

17. (NEW) The shifting device according to claim 15, wherein ring shaped engagement units (28, 30, 32) on the shifting forks (8, 10, 12, 14) react with the blocking apparatuses (52) for preventing axial movement of non-selected shifting forks on the shifting shaft (2).

18. (NEW) The shifting device according to claim 15, wherein the blocking apparatus includes rotatable blocking disks (52), the rotatable blocking disks (52) have a circumferential surface which is located in an axial movement zone of the ring-shaped engagement units (28, 30, 32) and extends inward, a contour of the rotatable blocking disks (52) is designed as segments (54) of the blocking disks (52) to permit axial

movement of the ring shaped engagement units (28, 30, 32) on the shifting shaft (2), while other areas of the blocking disks (52) prevent axial movement of the ring-shaped engagement units (28, 30, 32).

19. (NEW) The shifting device according to claim 15, wherein contoured disks (20, 22) possesses cutouts (24) for ring-shaped engagement units (28, 30, 32), which co-act with projections (16, 18) on the shifting shaft (2) in such a manner that the projections (16, 18) penetrate the cutouts (24), if corresponding shifting fork (8, 10, 12, 14) is not shifted, and the projections (16, 18) push the contoured disks (20, 22) axially, if selected shifting fork (8, 10, 12, 14) is displaced.

20. (NEW) The shifting device according to claim 15, wherein elements of the selection apparatus (28, 30, 32, 42 and 46) possess teeth (36, 38, 40) which mutually mesh and enable a rotation of the elements of the selection apparatus (28, 30, 32, 42, 44, 46) with respect to each other.

21. (NEW) The shifting device according to claim 15, wherein only a portion of the ring-shaped engagement unit (32) has teeth (36).

22. (NEW) The shifting device according to claim 18, wherein an area of the blocking disks (52), designed as a cutout (54), possess teeth which mesh with teeth of a ring-shaped engagement unit (28, 30).

23. (NEW) The shifting device according to claim 15, wherein the elements (2, 8, 10, 12, 14, 20, 22) for carrying out the shift are constructed from one of steel and aluminum.

24. (NEW) The shifting device according to claim 15, wherein the elements (28, 30, 32, 42, 44, 46) of the selection apparatus are manufactured from one of aluminum and plastic.

25. (NEW) The shifting device according to claim 15, wherein the blocking apparatus (52) is constructed from one of aluminum and plastic.

26. (NEW) The shifting device according to claim 15, wherein an actuator (60) is provided for axial activation of the shifting shaft (2) and an additional actuator (48) is provided which activates the elements (28, 30, 32, 42, 44, 46) of the selection apparatus and the blocking apparatus (52).

27. (NEW) The shifting device according to claim 26, wherein a transmission (58) is provided for setting a ratio of a rotational movement of the actuator (60) which activates the shifting shaft (2) upon an axial movement of the shifting shaft (2).

28. (NEW) The shifting device according to claim 26, wherein one of electro-mechanical actuators, pneumatic actuators, and hydraulic actuators are provided.